

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: James W. Taylor et al.

Title: STABILIZED WATER-BORNE  
POLYMER COMPOSITIONS  
FOR USE AS WATER-BASED  
COATINGS

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Dear Examiner Yoon:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action, dated December 26, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with this response, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit

Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

**Amendments to the Specification** are described on page 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: